IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 7-12 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (New) An adjustment device for a Venetian blind connected to a window sill comprising:

a) a lower beam having a fixing hole located through a top and a bottom of each of two opposing ends thereof; and

b) two retaining devices, each of the two retaining devices having:

i) a holding sleeve having a retaining cavity, a first end of the holding sleeve being inserted into one of the two opposing ends of the lower beam;

ii) a limiting spring;

iii) a driven member having a first end inserted through the limiting spring, the first end of the driven member and the limiting spring being inserted into the holding sleeve;

iv) a rotary member connected to a second end of the holding sleeve and having a plurality of alternating left and right blades positioned in the retaining cavity, the rotary member being rotatable in clockwise and counter clockwise directions; and

v) an outer cap connected to a second end of the holding sleeve,

wherein an end of each of two retaining cords of the Venetian blind is inserted through the fixing hole in the top of one of the two opposing ends of the lower beam, through the plurality of alternating left and right blades, through the fixing hole in the bottom of one of the two opposing ends of the lower beam, and connected to a bottom of the window sill, the lower beam

being movable along a length of the two retaining cords and held in a predetermined position by friction forces created by the two retaining devices.

Claim 8. (New) The adjustment device according to claim 7, wherein each holding sleeve further comprising:

a) a pair of symmetrical flexible hook plates located on a top and a bottom of the first end thereof, each of the pair of symmetrical flexible hook plates being inserted into one fixing hole of the lower beam;

b) a first end through hole located on the first end;

c) a limiting hole located in a middle portion thereof;

d) a semicircular receiving cavity located on the second end thereof and having:

i) a bottom opening;

ii) an interior wall;

iii) a pair of arc abutting ribs symmetrically positioned on opposite sides of the interior wall; and

iv) an upper through hole located in a top thereof; and

e) a stepwise tunnel located in the middle portion and communication with the first end through hole on a first tunnel end and the semicircular receiving cavity on a second tunnel end.

Claim 9. (New) The adjustment device according to claim 7, wherein each limiting spring has a sleeve hole located through a center and a stop leg located at each of two ends thereof, the first end of the driven member is inserted through the sleeve hole.

Claim 10. (New) The adjustment device according to claim 7, wherein each driven member further comprising:

a) a pair of flexible plates located on a first end thereof, each of the pair of flexible plates having a stepwise hook flange extending outwardly from an outer periphery;

b) a sleeve rod located adjacent to the pair of flexible plates;

c) a flexible rotary shaft with a pair of symmetrical hooks located on a second end thereof; and

d) a circular abutting part located between the sleeve rod and the flexible rotary shaft.

Claim 11. (New) The adjustment device according to claim 7, wherein each rotary member further comprising:

a) a rectangular sleeve hole located through a center thereof; and

b) a rib protruding from an inner side of each of the plurality of alternating right blades.

Claim 12. (New) The adjustment device according to claim 7, wherein each outer cap has an upper recess located in a top thereof and a lower recess located in a bottom thereof, the upper and lower recessed aligned with an upper through hole and a bottom opening of each holding sleeve.